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ADMINISTRATOR

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ACTION MEMORANDUM FOR THE ADMINISTRATOR

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FROM: *for* AA/ANE, Charles W. Greenleaf, Jr. *gm*

Problem: To establish an Office of the A.I.D. Representative for Afghanistan Affairs to be physically located in Islamabad, Pakistan.

Discussion: As you are aware, six million dollars has been reprogrammed in FY 1985 to finance a number of PVO-sponsored emergency food, health, and education projects under Section 451 of the Foreign Assistance Act. In addition, Congress has now passed Section 904 of the International Security and Development Assistance Act of 1985. This Section authorizes the use at this time of Economic Support Fund (ESF) appropriations for food, medicine or other humanitarian assistance for the Afghan people. Commencing in FY 1986, moreover, this law provides that not less than \$15 million of ESF appropriations shall be available only for this purpose.

On its part, the Government of Pakistan is in the process of establishing an independent agency to coordinate virtually all humanitarian assistance (apart from refugee programs) for "war affected Afghans" in Afghanistan.

There is general agreement that an Office of the A.I.D. Representative for Afghanistan Affairs should be established. The A.I.D. Representative would report directly to the Ambassador and me, and would work closely with the new Pakistani agency. Ambassador Hinton has asked you personally to immediately establish the position and to make an assignment to it.

In keeping with the need for low-profile operation, we require a staff of five U.S. direct-hires dedicated exclusively to the Afghan program, with all support services such as legal, contracting, controller, GSO and related FAAS costs drawn from USAID/Pakistan. The proposed staff would consist of the A.I.D. Representative, Secretary, two Project Officers, and a Program Officer who would double as a PVO Liaison Officer. Two additional direct-hire positions (Health and Education) may be

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required. However, this determination can only be made after the A.I.D. Representative arrives at post and has the opportunity to assess requirements in the health and education areas.

Additionally, a small Foreign National direct-hire staff will be required to handle sensitive program issues requiring a security clearance of at least confidential and perhaps higher. Two of these positions will be field assignments located in Peshawar and Quetta.

Recommendation: That you approve the establishment of an Office of the A.I.D. Representative for Afghanistan Affairs, with a staff of five U.S. direct-hire positions and three Foreign National direct-hire positions.

Approved

Disapproved

Date

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